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Mr. David Ilchert
District Director
Immigration & Naturalization Service
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, California 94111

Ref: MRS. JOSEPHENIE ROBERTSON

Dear Mr. Ilchert:

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Robertson, Registration No. A35235028, who is currently applying for United States citizenship. I am most encouraged that she has decided to take this step,and I hereby take this opportunity to serve as a reference for her and to ask your assistance in expediting this application as rapidly as possible.

As a career Foreign Service Officer, having recently completed a two-year assignment in Central America, I am personally familiar with the kind of hardships that Mrs. Robertson, a most distinguished and courageous woman, has had to endure in finding protection and asylum. Not only she, but all of her people, the Misquito Indians, have suffered terribly and continue to suffer. Both Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and I are keenly aware of their plight and most sympathetic to their struggle. To accept such a courageous and intelligent woman as a citizen of the United States would not only be a humanitarian gesture but would mean accepting an invaluable asset to our country, I can assure you. I should also mention that with the protection of a U. S. passport she would be safe in visiting relatives in Guatemala and Central America, and charitable organizations in Europe as well.

I have known Mrs. Robertson for some time now on a close, personal level, and I attest to the veracity of her character and the strength of her spirit. Please do what you can, as rapidly as you can, to expedite her citizenship application. Please feel free to call me if you wish at (212) 826-4580.

Sincerely,

Louis Segesvary
Deputy Counselor for
Public Affairs

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